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In re the Application of: James Akiyama

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Application No.: 09/164,898

Filed: October 1, 1998

For: Virtualized Striping Controller

**AMENDMENT UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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